

## REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, claims 1, 3-12 were examined. Claims 3 and 9 were found to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 4-8 and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

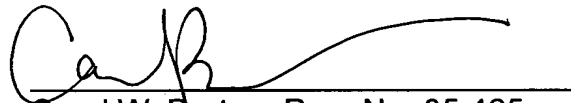
In view of the "final" character of the present Office Action and its indication of allowability with respect to claims 3 and 9, the limitation of claim 3 is added by amendment above to pending claim 1 and the limitation of claim 9 is added by amendment above to claim 8. Claims 3 and 9 are now cancelled.

The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections having been addressed by amendments conforming to the Examiner's indication of allowability, pending claims 1, 4-8 and 10-12 are now in condition for allowance.

No fees are believed due for this filing. Should any additional fees be due, the Examiner is authorized to charged Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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